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**Cc:** zRepresentative Brenda Kupchick  
**Subject:** Public Hearing on Ending Breed Discrimination

Hello,

I am writing to support the end of breed discrimination by insurance companies in Connecticut. While I would love to see the end of breed discrimination period. I am more than happy to start with the support of House Bill 5361 An Act Concerning the Use of the Breed of Dog as an Underwriting Factor for Homeowners and Tenants Insurance Policies. Insurance companies need to look at the bite history of a specific dog and not at the breed. I am a long time volunteer at my local animal shelter. I have been around many breeds of dogs and found that each dog is an individual. They all have their own personality and quirks. Don't let insurance companies lump them into one category. In addition, not only do the insurance companies make it very difficult for responsible people to get home/renter insurance but also for certain breeds of dogs to get adopted. It is tremendously unfair that dogs of certain breeds languish at shelters and rescue. Sadly, many are destroyed in shelters. Please help end breed discrimination.

Thank you,

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